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This Copy of the original edition of King Richard III. was imperfect, when I purchased it, wanting Signat. ~~Dam~~ C1 and 2, D4, L4, and M1. 2. and 3. These seven leaves I have supplied from a later copy, (that of 1598) and have collated with the edition of 1597. The variations are set down in the margin.

The headings are from the 1629 ed.
Portions of the 1598 ed are also at C3, C4

It is remarkable that the name of the author does not appear in the title-page: a presumptive proof that he had not in 1597 arrived to so a high a reputation as he undoubtedly afterwards acquired.

Mr Penn, Mr Horton Curzon, ~~[illegible]~~ and Mr Hemble are possessors of copies of this original edition of this play: I know of no other, except that in this volume.

THE TRAGEDY OF King Richard the third.

Containing,
His treacherous Plots against his brother Clarence: the pittiefull murther of his iunocent nephewes: his tyrannicall vsurpation: with the whole course of his detested life, and most deserued death.

As it hath beene lately Acted by the Right honourable the Lord Chamberlaine his seruants.

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